

Listing and Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace the claims that were published in the International Application Published Under the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT). Claims 1-24 are cancelled; Claims 25-47 will replace them.

25. (New) A method for streaming a file containing video information, comprising the step of:

embedding parameter information, for facilitating streaming of the video information, in a portion of the file separate from the video information so that the parameter information can be streamed independent of the video information.

26. (New) The method of claim 25, wherein the step of embedding the parameter further comprises embedding the parameter information within a hint track of the file.

27. (New) The method according to claim 26 wherein the step of embedding the parameter further comprises the step of embedding the parameter information in a Session Description Protocol (SDP) payload of the hint track.

28. (New) The method of claim 27, wherein the step of embedding the parameter further comprises the step of encoding the parameter information in Multipurpose Internet Mail Extensions (MIME) prior to being embedded within the SDP payload of the Hint track.

29. (New) The method of claim 25, further comprising the step of transmitting the parameter information in an out-of-band transmission.

30. (New) The method of claim 29, wherein said transmitting step further comprises the step of transmitting the parameter Set information using Transmission Control Protocol (TCP).

31. (New) The method of claim 29, wherein said transmitting step further comprises the step of transmitting the Parameter Set information using Real Time Streaming Protocol.

32. (New) The method of claim 25, further comprising the step of transmitting the parameter information in a media independent transmission.

33. (New) The method of claim 25, wherein said transmitting step comprises the step of transmitting the parameter information prior to any media corresponding thereto.

34. (New) The method of claim 25, further comprising the step of extracting the parameter information from metadata corresponding to at least one media stream.

35. (New) A file containing video information and parameter information, the parameter information embedded in a portion of the file separate from the video information so that the parameter information can be streamed independent of the video information.

36. (New) An apparatus for employing parameter information corresponding to a video information file, comprising:

an embedding device embedding for parameter information, for facilitating streaming of the video information, in a portion of the file separate from the video information so that the parameter information can be streamed independent of the video information.

37. (New) The apparatus of claim 36 wherein said embedding device embeds the parameter Set information within a hint track of the file.

38. (New) The apparatus of claim 37 wherein said embedding device embeds the parameter Set information within a Session Description Protocol (SDP) payload of the hint track.

39. (New) The apparatus of claim 37, wherein the parameter information embedded within the SDP payload by said embedding device is encoded in Multipurpose Internet Mail Extensions (MIME).

40. (New) The apparatus of claim 36, further comprising a transmitter for transmitting the parameter information in an out-of-band transmission.

41. (New) The apparatus of claim 40, wherein said transmitter transmits the Parameter Set information using Transmission Control Protocol.

42. (New) The apparatus of claim 40, wherein said transmitter transmits the Parameter Set information using Real Time Streaming Protocol.

43. (New) The apparatus of claim 36 further comprising a transmitter for transmitting the parameter information in a media independent transmission.

44. (New) The apparatus of claim 36, wherein said transmitter transmits the parameter information prior to any media corresponding thereto.

45. (New) The apparatus of claim 36, further comprising an extractor for extracting the parameter from metadata corresponding to at least one media stream.

46. (New) A method for processing a file containing video information, comprising the steps of:

de-embedding parameter information in a portion of the file separate from the video information for facilitating processed of video information when streamed.

47. (New) An apparatus, comprising:

an de- embedding device for de-embedding parameter information in a portion of a file separate from video information in the file for facilitating the processing of the video information when streamed.